

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

an input unit which inputs image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

a printer which prints an image based on the image information input by said input unit on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing unit which writes the image information to the storage device attached to the recording medium;

a controller which controls said printer and said writing unit to print the image based on the first image information ~~having the first attribute input by said input unit on the recording medium,~~ and to write the second image information ~~having the second attribute input by said input unit~~ with a plurality of level information associated with ~~for~~ visualizing to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the printer prints the image ~~is printed by said printer;~~

a reading unit which reads the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying unit which specifies ~~authentication~~ a level information of the user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said controller controls said printer to print the ~~[[an]]~~ image based on the second image information read by said reading unit on ~~[[a]]~~ the recording medium ~~sheet~~ in a case where said reading unit reads the second image information, and controls to determine a range of the second image information to be read by said reading unit and a range of the second image information to be printed based on the level ~~of the authentication~~ information of the user specified by said specifying unit ~~within~~ from among the plurality of level information written on the storage device by said writing unit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display unit which displays content of the ~~[[an]]~~ image based on the image information stored in the storage medium.

4. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising an instruction unit which instructs said printer to perform printing based on the content displayed by said display unit.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:
a generating step of generating image information to be printed;

a setting step of setting an attribute of the image information generated in said generating step, the attribute indicating whether or not the image information is to be visualized; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the image information generated in said generating step and the attribute set in said setting step to a printer loaded with a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a reading step of reading image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying ~~authentication level~~ information of the user who performs the user instruction,

wherein an image is printed on the recording medium based on the stored image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the stored image information, ~~and wherein~~ a range of the ~~second~~ image information to be read in said reading step and a range of the second image information to be printed are determined based on the level of ~~authentication information of the user~~ specified in said specifying step ~~within~~, and wherein the level information of the user is determined from among a the plurality of level information written on the storage device.

6. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to claim 5, wherein when the image information is not to be visualized, authentication information for reading the image information which is not to be visualized is ~~also~~ set in said setting step, and wherein the authentication information is ~~also~~ transmitted to the printer in said transmitting step.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

an input step of inputting image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

a printing step of printing an image based on the image information input in said input step on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing step of writing the image information ~~input in said input step~~ with a plurality of level information associated with visualizing ~~for visualizing~~ to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the printing step prints the image ~~based on the image information is printed in said printing step~~; and

a reading step of reading the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying ~~authentication~~ a level information of the ~~a~~ user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said printing step also prints an image based on the second image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the second image information, and determines a range of the second image information to be read in said reading step and a range of the second image information to be printed based on the level ~~of authentication~~ information of the user specified by said specifying unit ~~within~~ from among the plurality of level information written on the recording medium in said writing step.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a computer-readable storage medium, said program comprising:

- a generating step of generating image information to be printed;
- a setting step of setting an attribute of the image information generated in said generating step, the attribute indicating whether or not the image information is to be visualized;
- and
- a transmitting step of transmitting the image information generated in said generating step and the attribute set in said setting step to a printer loaded with a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;
- a reading step of reading image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and
- a specifying step of specifying ~~authentication~~ level information of the user who performs the user instruction,

wherein an image is printed on the recording medium based on the stored image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the stored image information, ~~and wherein~~ a range of the ~~second~~ image information to be read in said reading step and a range of the second image information to be printed are determined based on the level of ~~authentication~~ information of the user specified in said specifying step ~~within~~, and wherein the level information of the user is determined from among a ~~the~~ plurality of level information written on the storage device.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program, stored in a computer-readable storage medium, said program comprising:

an input step of inputting image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

a printing step of printing an image based on the image information input in said input step on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing step of writing the image information ~~input in said input step~~ with a plurality of level information associated with visualizing ~~for visualizing~~ to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the printing step prints the image ~~based on the image information is printed in said printing step~~; and

a reading step of reading the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying ~~authentication~~ a level information of the ~~a~~ user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said printing step also prints an image based on the second image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the second image information, and determines a range of the second image information to be read in said reading step and a range of the second image information to be printed based on the level ~~of authentication~~ information of the user specified by said specifying unit ~~within~~ from among the plurality of level information written on the recording medium in said writing step.